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1. ASECNA GROUP IN MONTREAL AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT
SENEGAL BEFORE COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH SAL FIR
ISSUE. USREP ARRANGED INFORMAL EVENING DISCUSSIONS
TAKING ADVANTAGE THEIR PRESENCE AND PRESENCE MONTREAL
OF FAA PERSONNEL IN CONNECTION DEN/ICE.

2. GROUP IS HEADED BY CHEIFFOU, A., DIRECTOR,
EXPLOITATION, ADJOINT DE DG (OPERATIONS) OF ASECNA
AND INCLUDES: A. DIOUF, REPRESENTANT DE L'ASECNA AUPRE DU
SENEGAL A DAKAR; F. KOUABENA, ADJOINT AU REPRESENTANT DE L'
ASECNA EN COTE-D'IVOIRE - ABIDJAN; D. TCHANIA, INGENIEUR DU
SERVICE TECHNIQUE DIRECTION GENERALE - DAKAR.

3. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING FIR QUESTION IN SOME DETAIL,
MOST OF DISCUSSION CONCERNED FORTHCOMING VISIT OF ASECNA TEAM
TO WASHINGTON. APPARENTLY SCHEDULE IS FIRING UP FOR TEN-DAY TO
TWO-WEEK VISIT COMMENCING APRIL 20 WITH PROGRAM TO BE SUGGESTED
BY WASHINGTON. SHAFFER (FAA/IA) TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMENCING
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WORK ON PROGRAM WEEK OF MARCH 14 AND WILL SUBMIT TO ASECNA THROUGH
AMEMBASSY DAKAR ASAP. DEL WILL RESPOND WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR
ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

4. DEL WILL BE HEADED BY MALEKOU, DG OF ASECNA, AND WILL PRO-
BABLY INCLUDE CHEIFFOU; THE DIRECTOR OF METEOROLOGY; TOP COMMU-
NICATIONS MAN; WITH TOTAL NUMBERING SIX TO EIGHT. DURING

DISCUSSION USREP DELIBERATELY ASKED THEM TO CONFIRM THAT THEIR TRANSPORTATION AND EXPENSES WERE ALREADY FUNDED, AND STATED THAT NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR TRANSPORTATION WAS AVAILABLE FROM US (EXCEPT FOR SOMETIMES CAR AND DRIVER LOCALLY AND PROBABLY TRANSPORTATION WASHINGTON TO NAFEC).

5. VISIT MUST BE KEPT PRACTICAL AND REALISTIC BECAUSE IMPRESSION IS THAT ASECNA (AND SENEGAL) ARE EARNESTLY "SHOPPING" FOR SOUND ADVICE, NEW EQUIPMENT, AND OPERATIONAL COUNSELING. IT WAS AGREED THE VISIT WOULD INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS, MET, AND CONTROL. THEY EMPHASIZED RADAR AND SPENT GREAT DEAL OF TIME DISCUSSING VALUE OF SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.

6. THEY ASKED FOR COMPLETE BRIEFING ON AEROSAT AND STATUS OF RESEARCH, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT DAKAR WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AT EARLY DATE SINCE CABLES PUT AVIATION IN COMPETITION WITH PTT, ETC. FYI: USREP PURPOSELY SIDESTEPED IN RESPONDING AND TALKED IN TERMS OF MEETINGS RE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS GENERALLY, AT THE SAME TIME SUGGESTING THAT BY THE TIME OF THE VISIT IN LATE APRIL THERE WOULD BE MORE DEFINITE INFO AVAILABLE RE THE STATUS OF AEROSAT. SENEGAL REP HANE SAID IT WAS THE INTENTION OF AFCAC (TOGO LATE MAY) TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION FAVORING AEROSAT, IN EXPECTATION OF AFCAC AFFILIATION/UTILIZATION. USREP DID NOT COMMENT.

7. HANE AND CHEIFFOU REITERATED EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT OUR RECENT COLLABORATION IN ICAO AND ASECNA HERALDS A NEW ERA IN AVIATION RELATIONS BETWEEN SENEGAL AND US. HE POINTED OUT THAT RE-NEGOTIATION OF ASECNA AGREEMENTS IN 1974 HAD LIFTED THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTRICTION ON MEMBER STATES AND ASECNA WITH RESPECT TO FRENCH TIES AND ASECNA WAS NOW FREE TO "SHOP" FOR EQUIPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. HE SAID THAT SENEGAL WAS COMING TO THE OBVIOUS SOURCE FOR THE BEST EQUIPMENT AND BEST ADVICE, THE U.S.

8. USREP CONSIDERS ASECNA BID TO BE GENUINE AND URGES ALL POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TEAM'S VISIT. WISH TO POINT OUT THAT NEXT FEW MONTHS ARE IMPORTANT PERIOD IN ICAO AND SENEGAL AND AFRICAN GROUP COULD BE VERY HELPFUL. CALENDAR IS INTERESTING: ICAO/ANC CONSIDERS DAKAR FIR VS. SAL FIR (US STRONGLY SUPPORTING DAKAR); US/SENEGAL BILATERAL TALKS WASHINGTON, APRIL 4; ASECNA TEAM VISIT, APRIL 20; ICAO'S WORLD-WIDE SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE, APRIL 13-26; AFCAC ASSEMBLY, MAY 24-JUNE 4; AND TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLY ICAO, SEPTEMBER, MONTREAL (ELECTION NEW COUNCIL).

9. USMISSION/MONTREAL REQUESTS INFO COPY ALL WASHINGTON/DAKAR TRAFFIC RE ASECNA VISIT.

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